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Slight Increase Here in Enrollment as New Term Begins

4,087 ATTENDING CLASSES IN TORRANCE AND LOMITA

Slight increases in new enrollments at Torrance schools were recorded this week as the second semester of the 1938-39 term began. The total attendance today in all schools here is 2,232 as compared to 2,203 at this time last year, according to a check-up made this morning by The Herald.

People what they're doing

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Murray and son Louis with Louis Murray attended a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phalen in Los Angeles last Sunday.

While skating at the Tropical Gardens in Westwood with a party of friends, E. E. Murchison, manager of the local Western Auto Supply store, fell and broke his left wrist. He is going about with his arm in a cast now.

Safety Director John Stroth and family have moved into their recently completed home at 1722 Watson avenue next to the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson of Los Angeles, were week-end guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Neeldans, 1333 Encina avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Serrano of Bishopton visited over the week-end with Mrs. Serrano's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, 2611 Arlington avenue.

Mrs. Florence Welch slipped on a rug at her home, 1510 Encina, this week and sprained her ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bush, 1308 Cola avenue, had as their house guests over the week-end Mrs. L. W. Allen and son Gene of Menlo Park, and Clarence Allen of San Diego.

Judge Compares Poker Palaces to Public Morals

Comparing the effect of draw poker palaces on public virtue and morality to that of poisonous vapors on public health, Superior Judge Emmet Wilson declared that the courts will be "zealous in prohibiting any practice which tends to weaken or corrupt the morals... or which encourages idleness instead of habits of thrift and industry."

Referring to the Embassy Palace on Vermont avenue in Gardena, where it was admitted that an average of 1,000 persons a day played poker and bet on the playing, Judge Wilson said: "An establishment such as is described and admitted in the pleadings, conducted as this one is, attracting an average of 1,000 persons daily, many of whom travel long distances from various portions of the county, who attend for the sole purpose of wagering money on the games played, is a public nuisance affecting an entire community."

"It is not necessary that the act complained of be denounced by statute as a crime as a condition precedent to its being declared to be a nuisance or in order that the court may have jurisdiction to order its abatement."

"A court of equity has no jurisdiction to punish crime, as such, when that is the only object of the proceeding, but where a nuisance affects the public welfare, it may be abated by the court upon application of the proper officer, even though the offense complained of may be punishable as a crime."

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Reports Lagging On Paralysis Fund Donations

Altho Postmaster Earl Conner can account for cash receipts of approximately \$320 raised during the recent "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign held in connection with the President's Birthday, he says that several volunteer workers have not reported their contribution totals to him.

"I must make a final report to the state committee early next week and I would like to make the Torrance collection as large as possible," he said today. "For that reason I wish those still having Infantile Paralysis Foundation money to turn it in to me at once."

Sale of "Fight Infantile Paralysis" label buttons at 10 cents each accounted for the largest contribution to the local fund—\$140.34 was raised in this manner in Torrance, Conner said. The Student Dance, Jan. 27, raised about \$75. National Supply workers contributed \$50, the Torrance theatre turned over \$20.60 and the 20-30 club accumulated about \$35.

TWO NEW BABIES

Two babies were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Newcomer of Manhattan Beach created a son last Friday and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Travis of Hermosa Beach welcomed a son on Tuesday.

MOTORISTS ALLOWED CERTAIN DEDUCTIONS ON INCOME RETURNS

With income tax time just around the corner, the Automobile Club of Southern California has furnished the following information regarding certain deductions which can be made for sums paid out of losses sustained in connection with ownership and operation of automobiles.

Loss sustained when a car used for business is sold outright at a price less than its depreciated value. (Loss sustained where an automobile used for business is traded in for a new car cannot be deducted, but such loss can be considered as part of the cost when computing the depreciation for the ensuing year.)

Uncompensated losses sustained by reason of damage to automobiles used for business or pleasure. Damage paid for injuries to persons or for destruction of property, provided the automobile was being used for business at the time of the accident.

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Where a purchaser of an automobile takes delivery out of state for use in this state even though it is purchased from a retailer in this state, or where the purchaser buys the car from a retailer outside the state and brings the car into California for use, the California Use Tax Act imposes a tax upon the consumer and whatever tax is paid by the consumer under this act is deductible.

All operating and maintenance expenses, including depreciation, on automobiles used wholly for business, or a pro rata share of such expenses representing business use where a passenger car is used for pleasure and business. Depreciation usually is figured at 20 percent per annum. Where an employee receives an allowance or mileage from the employer for automobile operation, unless such allowance is declared as part of income no claim can be made by the employee for deduction on account of operating expenses.

Cost Not Deductible. Non-deductible items include the California and Federal gas-line tax and the Federal taxes on lubricating oil, tires, tubes, accessories, new parts and trucks.

A Federal ruling is that these taxes are imposed upon the manufacturer or distributor not upon the consumer. No deduction can be made for

Sings Opera



Willard J. Sweeney, a full-blooded Anasibois Indian at Poplar, Mont., distinguished himself as an opera singer in stage productions at Utah State Agricultural College, where he will graduate in June with a degree in agronomy. He sang a lead in "Carmen," is a wrestler and student of Indian lore. His native name is Tahmahk-lu-oda (Many Clouds).

One Killed and Nine Injured in Truck-Car Crash

(Continued from Page 1-A) Iacono were enroute to the latter's new home where a house warming was scheduled to have been held Tuesday night. The other injured were:

Tony Martinez, driver of the sedan, slight cuts and bruises; Mrs. Jesus Chavez, 56, who was almost completely scalped and suffered a severely lacerated forehead.

Mrs. Garvilia Martinez, 24, an expectant mother, lacerated forehead, fractured right shoulder and a serious eye injury;

David Chavez, 39, fractured right collar bone, cuts and bruises;

Lawrence Chavez, 14, lacerated face and right eye injury, lacerated right hand;

Mike Martinez, eight, two bad cuts behind his right ear;

Antonia Martinez, five, cuts and bruises about her face, and Dolores Martinez, two and one-half years old, lacerations and bruises about her face and head.

Funeral Friday. The injured victims of the accident were rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital by two passing motorists, Paul Hill, local grocery clerk, and Don Wolf, 614 West 21st street, and Stone and Myers' ambulance. After first aid treatment, the most seriously injured were taken to the county hospital.

The body of Mr. Iacono was removed to Stone and Myers' Mortuary. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Iacono; three daughters, Mrs. Cooper of this city, Bonnie who resides with her parents at 17038 South Denker, and Mrs. George Robinson of Compton; and a son, John, who also lives at the family home in Gardena.

Mr. Iacono was a native of Naples, Italy, who came to this country 30 years ago. He had lived in California for 25 years and in Gardena for 20 years. The Rosary will be said in his honor tonight at Stone and Myers' chapel and the funeral service will be conducted Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the Gardena Catholic church. Interment will be at Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. T. H. Elson recently returned from a visit to South Dakota.

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